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Heavy Rains May Cause Flooding in Harford County

Citizens urged to remain vigilant

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig urges citizens of Harford County to remain vigilant and use caution during the period of heavy rainfall affecting the Harford and greater Baltimore metropolitan region. Since rain began falling in Harford County Thursday night more than one and one-half inches of rain has saturated the ground and more rainfall is expected.

“We are concerned for the citizens of Harford County that reside in low-lying areas which are prone to flooding,” stated County Executive Craig. “As weather conditions continue to deteriorate additional rainfall could result in flooding of properties that are susceptible to such conditions.” the County Executive remarked.

Flooding is the nation’s most common natural disaster. Flooding can develop slowly during an extended period of rain, while flash floods can occur quickly without warning. Even small streams or creek beds can overflow and create flooding conditions.

The Harford County Department of Emergency Services (DES) stresses the importance of being prepared for flooding no matter where you live, but particularly for those who reside in low-lying areas. County emergency management officials tracking the current storm, advise the main impact to Harford County could be inland flooding and streams coming out of the banks.

Officials urge motorists to use caution when driving and not to drive through areas of high or standing water. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Emergency preparedness is everyone’s responsibility.

For further information preparedness information visit the Harford County Department of Emergency Services website at www.harfordpublicsafety.org and click on the “*Surviving the Storm*” icon.

